

New Claims 24 - 39

1 24. A method for collecting sales and/or use taxes on remote sales, said method
2 includes the steps of:
3 a) collecting by sellers information regarding remote sales made by buyers;
4 b) calculating by sellers securely the correct taxing jurisdictions sales and/or use
5 tax to be paid by buyers for remote sales;
6 c) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;
7 d) transmitting by a seller to a taxing jurisdiction the aggregate totals of sales and
8 use tax transactions; and
9 e) paying by a seller to a taxing jurisdiction the correct sales and/or use tax
10 received by sellers.

1 25. The method claimed in claim 24, further including the step of: transmitting from
2 the seller to the taxing jurisdiction a log of all sales and use tax transactions.

1 26. The method claimed in claim 5, wherein a seller is given notice that a taxing
2 jurisdiction is studying its log of all sales and use tax transactions.

1 27. The method claimed in claim 26, wherein a seller may review the seller's
2 log of sales and/or use taxes collected before the taxing jurisdiction studies the
3 seller's log of sales and/or use taxes collected.

1 28. The method claimed in claim 26, wherein a taxing jurisdiction may access
2 the log of sales and/or use taxes collected only after specified time period has
3 passed.


1 29. The method claimed in claim 24, further including the step of:
2 reporting to the taxing jurisdictions the taxes that have been collected.

1 30. The method claimed in claim 24, further including the step of:
2 filing tax returns for sellers with the taxing jurisdictions for the taxes that have
3 been collected.

1 31. The method claimed in claim 24, further including the step of: identifying
2 potentially seller fraudulent behavior by running various checks of the segmented
3 information.

1 32. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of: identifying a
2 strange drop-off in the number of seller transactions in the segmented
3 information.

1 33. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of: examining the
2 history of seller transactions in the segmented account to determine seller trends.




1 34. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of:
2 comparing the transaction volume, dollar volume and transaction types relative to
3 other similar sellers.

1 35. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of: identifying an
2 inordinate number of cancelled transactions in the segmented transactions.

1 36. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of:
2 establishing watermarks for different types of businesses to identify an inordinate
3 amount of returned merchandise for a particular type of business.

1 37. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of: identifying
2 patterns that indicate that a seller may not be reporting the entire amount of taxes
3 collected.



1 38. The method claimed in claim 31, further including the step of: examining
2 cancelled transactions.

1 39. The method claimed in claim 24, further including the step of:
2 receiving responses from buyers indicating acceptance of the sale.

1 17. The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of:
2 purchasing by one of the taxing jurisdictions goods and/or services from the
3 seller;
4 transmitting from the seller to the purchasing taxing jurisdiction a log of specified
5 sales and use tax transactions; and
6 comparing the taxes charged by the seller for the goods and/or services
7 purchased by the seller with the log of transactions.

1 18. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the steps of:
2 determining if the seller has reported the appropriate information to the taxing
3 jurisdiction.

4 19. The method claimed in claim 18, further including the step of:
5 establishing improper behavior by the seller when the information reported to the
6 taxing jurisdiction differs from the information obtained by the taxing jurisdiction
7 from the seller for the goods and/or services purchased by the taxing jurisdiction.

1 20. The method claimed in claim 17, further including the steps of:
2 determining if the seller has reported all appropriate taxes to the taxing
3 jurisdiction.

1 21. The method claimed in claim 17, wherein the taxing jurisdiction utilizes an agent
2 to purchase the goods and/or services.

1 22. The method claimed in claim 17, wherein the taxing jurisdiction utilizes an alias to
2 purchase the goods and/or services.

1 23. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein buyers are given a receipt for the taxes
2 they have paid.